REDMOND CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

Council Conference Room 15670 NE 85th Street, Redmond, Washington

Tuesday, October 18, 2016

Council

Byron Shutz, Chair Kim Allen, Member David Carson, Member John Stilin (Attending Council Member) Angela Birney (Attending Council Member)

Staff

Kristi Wilson, Police Chief Kent Hay, Program Administrator Tommy Smith, Fire Chief Cheryl Xanthos, CMC, Deputy City Clerk

Convened: 4:30 p.m. Adjourned 5:06 p.m.

Committee Chair Byron Shutz called the meeting to order, reviewed attendance, and overviewed the agenda.

Homelessness Update

Mr. Kent Hay, Program Administrator, provided an update on has activities regarding homelessness in Redmond:

- finding housing and providing relocation assistance;
- people are using the resource center;
- meeting with people out in the community; and
- helping to find housing instead of making people comfortable being homeless.

Ms. Kristi Wilson, Police Chief, stated that Mr. Hay is doing a huge volume of work; structure is needed and rules need to be enforced as people use the library; and the expectation is that people who come here or live here need to take advantage of the resources provided.

General discussion ensued regarding the library's response to vandalism and people sleeping there; coordinating with churches; support network; providing transportation; and collaboration with other organizations.

Downtown Park and Ride

Chief Wilson stated that this item is a follow-up due to concerns stated from Councilmember Margeson.

Mr. Hay stated that a homeless individual was living in the Park and Ride. This person has been moved out of the Park and Ride and is still in the City. Mr. Hay is attempting to work with this individual.

Inter-Local Agreement for HazMat Team

Mr. Tommy Smith, Fire Chief, stated that the HazMat Interlocal agreement has been in place since 2008, and has established a governing body. The Technical Rescue Interlocal agreement does not have a governing body. The goal is to roll the two agreements into one Interlocal agreement.

General discussion ensued regarding King County Fire District No. 34 being part of the agreement.

AMR Ambulance Contract

Chief Smith stated that the contract will be signed on behalf of the City for a private ambulance service when the City medic units are not available. This agreement will have an automatic renewal, and can be terminated with a 90-day notice. The contract will also allow the Police Department to call the private ambulance service directly to transport a patient.

General discussion ensued regarding Police Department calls; level of service concerns with an automatic renewal contract; and the right to opt out of the contract.

Fire Department Awards Banquet

Chief Smith stated that the awards banquet is this Saturday. It is the first annual banquet recognizing members of the Fire Department.

Hiring 4 New Fire Recruits on December 5th

Chief Smith stated that one way they are addressing overtime in the department is to hire one or two firefighters over the normal staffing level; two firefighters are currently in paramedic school and will be gone for a year; and retirements are coming up.

General discussion ensued regarding temporary employee status.